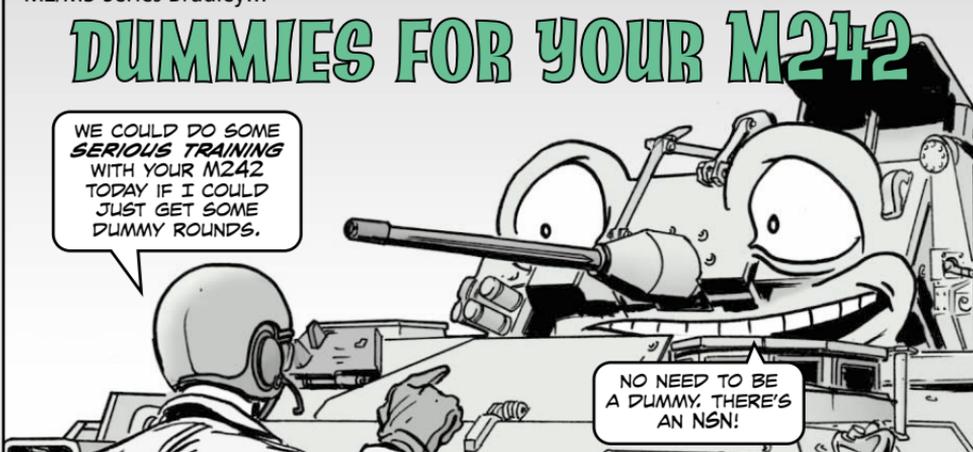


DUMMIES FOR YOUR M242



WE COULD DO SOME SERIOUS TRAINING WITH YOUR M242 TODAY IF I COULD JUST GET SOME DUMMY ROUNDS.

NO NEED TO BE A DUMMY. THERE'S AN NSN!

Dear Half-Mast,
Is there an NSN for 25mm dummy rounds for the Bradley's M242 machine gun? We can't find any.
CPT C.Z.

Dear Captain C.Z.,
Certainly there is. NSN 1305-01-356-0187 brings a pack of 30 dummy rounds, which is normally what's required for each vehicle.
Half-Mast

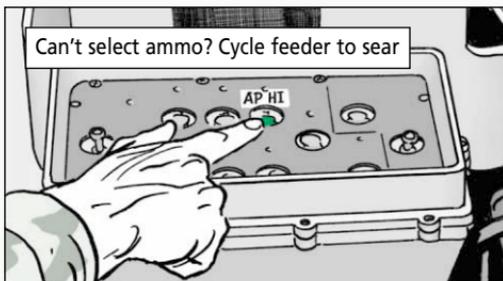
WEAPONS CONTROL BOX BAD? MAYBE NOT

Dear Editor,

Some Bradley units are replacing weapons control boxes when they don't need to. They try to select from HE to AP ammo or vice versa and nothing happens. They think they have a bad weapons control box, so they get a new one.

But if the M242 has had a misfire, the weapons control box may not select. Before you get a new box, remove ammo from the breech/feeder, unhook the ammo chutes, and take off the M242 feeder and use the crank to cycle it back to the sear position. Reinstall the feeder and try selecting ammo again. Sometimes that does the trick.

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(Editor's note: We select your suggestion as a good one, Private. Way to go.)